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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Jose Hernandez, 54, Beloit, Wis., was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 57 months in prison without parole for conspiracy to distribute cocaine. Hernandez pleaded guilty to this charge on September 5, 2008.

From December 2007 to April 2008, Hernandez conspired to distribute cocaine with Fidel Holguin. During a court-authorized wiretap of Holguin's telephones, agents intercepted numerous drug-related calls between Hernandez and Holguin. Hernandez later admitted to police that he dealt cocaine in the Beloit area.

The charges against Hernandez were the result of an investigation conducted by the Rock County Safe Streets Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

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